

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 23-819

7 November 2023

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

- We can confirm that we hold some of the information you are requesting

1. To what extent are the British Society of Gastroenterology Inflammatory Bowel Disease colorectal cancer surveillance endoscopy recommendations been implemented in this Trust? If they are being partially implemented, please outline which areas are currently being met.

All patients with inflammatory bowel disease being managed at the Trust are offered the opportunity to take part in colorectal cancer surveillance if they have a diagnosis of Inflammatory Bowel Disease.

2. What percentage of Inflammatory Bowel Disease patients are currently overdue their surveillance endoscopy based on the timelines set out in the British Society of Gastroenterology consensus guidelines on the management of inflammatory bowel disease in adults (2019)? Please provide this information broken down by high risk, intermediate risk and lower risk as out in this same guidance

This information is not currently held in any database, rather on each clinical review, date and results of the last surveillance/when next (or first) surveillance procedure are reviewed. Please note, the Trust does not hold the data in a format that would enable us to fully respond to your request to the level of detail required and a manual trawl for this information would significantly exceed the 18 hours limit set down by the FOI as the reasonable limit. Section 12 of the FOIA provides that we are not obliged to spend in excess of 18 hours in any sixty-day period locating, retrieving and identifying information in order to deal with a request for information and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

3. What plans are in place to manage the Inflammatory Bowel Disease colorectal cancer colonoscopy surveillance backlog in light of the COVID-19 pandemic? The full guidelines referred to in these questions can be found in Box 11 on page 72 at:

<https://www.bsg.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/BSG-IBD-Guidelines-2019.pdf>

Funding of agency colonoscopist who has just started in post.

Starting in early 2023, we validated every request outstanding for a surveillance colonoscopy including those with inflammatory bowel disease. Those patients overdue surveillance were validated and listed as high priority to be booked in the next three months. In addition, we regularly offer follow-up outpatient appointments for our IBD patients including review of surveillance status.

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Data Protection Officer
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
Marlborough Street
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

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